



ALCOA 1st NEWS

June 1 ~ 30, 2020

First UMC Alcoa Vision

Inspired by God's unconditional love, we unite in worship, grow in discipleship, and serve in love.

And We Wait!

Like many of you, I am anticipating a time hopefully in the near future, when we can all be together in worship. The United Methodist Church is a connectional ministry and we are under the authority of the Bishop and Cabinet of the Holston Annual Conference. On March 12th all the United Methodist Churches in the Conference were asked to close for two weeks so we could "Flatten the Curve." We were later given a "close indefinite" status until further notice.

We have been told that Bishop Taylor has established a task force to best determine when and how local United Methodist Churches can set into place plans for re-opening. We know other churches in our area are already open and having weekly worship. We are being told that until the Bishop releases local churches, we cannot hold any meetings or worship at this time. We hope to have a notice from the Bishop by June 1st.

Under the direction of our Church Business Administrator, Mr. Johnny Walker, we have established our own re-opening task force so once we receive notice from the Bishop, we can implement our own plan as it applies to our facility. I want to thank the members of the re-opening task force for all their work and time in helping us prepare for a strong future.

Our number one goal is to keep everyone safe. As your pastor, I will be the first to encourage those who are at high risk, to plan to stay home and continue watching us on Facebook Live or hearing the service on Radio until such time you feel safe returning. We love you and we want you all to be safe. You are still all vitally important and a huge part of the church family whether we worship on-site, in our car in the parking lot, or in our homes. We are united regardless of where or how we worship together.

As we move toward planning for re-opening, remember, the church office is open during regular business hours and the staff are all working and planning for a good future in ministry in the Alcoa and surrounding communities. We have several volunteers working weekly with the Alcoa School System to help feed children in our area during this time of pandemic. Thanks to: Jim Nutter, Margie Davis, Brenda Hitchcock, Barbara Stinnett, Cindy Murphy, Norma Jones, and Pat Scott for helping – may God bless you all for your kindness.

I am here to help you or your family in any way possible. Please give us a call or drop by the church office if you need assistance, counsel, or prayers. Blessings to you all, Pastor Todd.

Centennial Moment

The church initially met in an old farmhouse known as the Daugherty House, located on the property beyond our parking lot, where the condominiums are now located.

Attendance

MAY 3

6:00 PM FB LIVE Worship
Views/Engagements - 3,338

MAY 10

11:00 AM - FB LIVE Worship
Views/Engagements - 2,250

MAY 17

11:00 AM - FB LIVE Worship
Views/Engagements - 1,916

MAY 24

11:00 AM - FB LIVE Worship
Views/Engagements - 1,670

Church Staff

REV. J. TODD CHANCEY Pastor
423-290-3999

BROOKE STRAYN
Director of Children's Ministries
and Special Events

GENIA HEWITT REEL
Administrative Assistant/Secretary

JOHNNY WALKER
Church Business Administrator
and Director of Visitation

PAUL WALKER
Custodian

BETH GREEN
Director of Music Ministries
and Worship Coordinator

MATTHEW GIBBS
Director of Youth Ministries

CARLA TAYLOR Accompanist

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Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Friday

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

To the family of Kirk Helmboldt who passed away May 1.

To the Barringer family in the passing of Natalie's father, Harl Pierce on May 19.

To Allen and Joy Garrett in the passing of Allen's step-father, Lowell Bush May 24.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

AFUMC Building Fund

In memory of Michael Cain, by Charlotte Cain.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 1	April Hawkins
June 3	Landon Daugherty
June 5	Barbara Adkins, Susan Beavers
June 6	Josh Hawkins
June 7	David Duggan, Susan McNamee
June 8	Emma Dickenson
June 10	Aaron Goins, Kim Perkins, Tabitha Marsh
June 11	Francis Gross, James Larrabee, Joey Kinhead
June 12	Richard Davis, Emilia Pickett
June 13	Nathaniel Pfeiffer
June 14	Gus Webb, Jake Weller
June 15	Lynsey Wolfe, Debbie Sudhoff
June 16	Garrett Dickinson, Carly Lidvall
June 18	Jeff Ridenour
June 19	Andrew Lawson, Ken Reynolds
June 20	Jim Murchie
June 21	Pat Scott
June 22	Andi Heinemann, Lynn Hood
June 24	Pat Coulter, Katherine Setliff, Cheryl Varitek, Janice Veal
June 25	Peggy Roberts
June 28	Addison McMahan, Charlotte Teague
June 29	Linda Davis, Collin Ridenour
June 30	Brooke Gunning, Wynn Maples

FOR UPDATES ON MINISTRY NEWS

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Our Webpage: alcoafumc.com

Our Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/alcoafumc/>

A Note from Mark Brown, Chairperson, PSPR

The Pastor-Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that the Bishop and District Superintendent have appointed Pastor Joe Green as the new Associate Pastor at Alcoa First United Methodist Church. Joe returns home at the beginning of July to serve in this part-time role. Officially with the conference office he will have the title of Associate Pastor, but here at the church he will be designated as "Pastor Emeritus" in recognition of his past distinguished service to Alcoa First.

Joe left Alcoa First in 2012 and has served as a District Superintendent and has taken pastoral appointments in Kingsport and most recently at Campground United Methodist Church in Townsend. We are pleased to welcome Joe back to Alcoa First and look forward to his service in this church and community. The other advantage is that we get to keep Beth as the Director of Music Ministries.

With Joe's appointment, the staff at Alcoa First is now complete with talented people dedicated to service. Please take time to thank all of the staff and pastors for their service during a difficult time.



MUSIC NOTES FROM BETH

It's June, y'all! Normally, at this time I'd be telling you that the choir will be taking a little time off later this summer, but because we've had to deal with COVID-19 and the staying-in-place/social distancing...that isn't going to happen. Instead, I hope our choir will be able to come back in one form or another as soon as it's *safely* possible. I have no idea what our choir situation will look like or how we'll carry on regular music ministry as before. I only know that when it's time, we'll all be able to sing with extra joy, just because we're together!

In the midst of our time doing worship services online and on radio our Praise Band has stepped up and carried us through! As Director of Music & Worship Coordinator, it is a great blessing to be able to count on this wonderful group to minister to the Lord in song! Lynsey Wolfe is one who prays about and carries out what music is shared in each of our worship services. Thank you for that, Lynsey!

Here is a list of our musicians. I hope you'll let them know how much you appreciate ALL that they do to help us worship the Lord each week!

Carla Taylor, piano
Davy Hill, guitar
Debbie Walsh, vocals
Donnie Moore, vocals
Everett Gunning, guitar
(We welcome him back to the gang!)
Justin Hall, bass

Kim Bledsoe, vocals
Lynsey Wolfe, vocals
Matt Fuson, keyboard
*(Matt is an essential worker in health field,
who isn't with us during this time. Thank
you, Matt, for what you're doing for so
many in need!)*
Steve Wolfe, percussion

And thanks to our Tech Team leader Brooke Gunning, and assistants Liz Chancey and Debbie West for making sure we all see and hear what's going on!

Everyone involved in helping our services happen is important in the ministry of the church! We long for the time we can all be together again in corporate worship. Until then...keep singing! And if you're not a singer, sing anyway! Read Psalm 100, then sing what's in your heart!

God bless you!

Beth Green

Music Director & Worship Coordinator
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HANDS ON MISSION BUCKETS

Pack in a NEW 5-gallon bucket with lid. 1 bag corn meal (4- 5 lb.) 1 bag grits, butter flavor 1 bag rice (2 lb.) 1 bag dried beans (2 lb.) 1 powdered milk (10 oz. or less) 1 box quick/instant oats (18 oz. or less) 1 bottle cooking oil (48 oz. or less) 1 box Splenda/sucralose (50 ct. or less) Canned Ham (2 lb. total)

Food Buckets for our District for the Conference Hands on Mission Project will be collected on June 3, 2020, 10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. Please bring your buckets to Fairview UMC during these hours or you may drop off by the church.

CHURCH YARD SIGNS

Our church yard signs are here and ready to place in your yard, letting folks know we are worshipping on Sunday mornings @11:00 AM on FB LIVE and WGAP, 105.9 FM/1400 AM! Please help us get the word out!!! To get a sign for your yard, please feel free to call and come by the church during our regular business hours, Monday - Thursday, 8:30 - 4:30 and Friday, 8:30-12:00. OR, if you would like one delivered, please call or text your name and address to Pastor Todd @ 423-290-3999 or Johnny @865-582-6941 and a sign will be placed in your yard. Please consider making a \$10 donation to help cover the cost of the signs.



Youth and Adult Confirmation Classes for 2020 Save the Dates

Matt Gibbs, Brooke Strayn, Liz Chancey and Pastor Todd Chancey will be leading the upcoming 2020 Confirmation Classes. There will be two offerings starting in August and ending in November. The classes will meet as follows:

Sundays – 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. (Student Confirmation Class – **Youth - Rising 6th graders and up**) Youth Room and Fellowship Hall. Leaders: Matt Gibbs, Brooke Strayn, Liz and Todd Chancey

Dates: August 30, September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25 and November 1 and 8.

Youth Confirmation Retreat: Friday, November 13th – Sunday, November 15th – off campus.

Wednesdays – (**Adult Confirmation Class**) 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Liz and Todd Chancey Leaders.

Dates: September 2, 16, 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28, and November 4 and 11.

Save the dates. For more information contact Matt Gibbs, Brooke Strayn or Liz or Pastor Todd Chancey.